

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

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1. An image forming apparatus comprising:  
storage means for storing setting information  
including at least a size of a substitute recording  
medium; and

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processing means for executing a print instruction  
by automatically changing a size of a recording medium  
to be used to the size of the substitute recording  
medium based on the setting information stored in said  
storage means, when the size of the recording medium  
15 specified by the print instruction is not available.

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2. The image forming apparatus as claimed in  
claim 1, wherein said setting information includes  
whether or not a zoom is required when printing  
information, and/or a printing position on the recording  
medium.

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3. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

means for storing the setting information in said storage means in response to an external setting instruction from outside.

10 4. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 3, further comprising:

means for notifying to the outside when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available or when corresponding setting information is not stored in said storage means, together with information indicating an available size of the recording medium, so as to request the setting instruction.

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5. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

25 setting means for setting and storing the setting

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information in said storage means.

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6. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said setting information is stored in said storage means in the form of a table.

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7. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processing means invalidates the setting information with respect to second and subsequent pages of the recording medium of identical size during one print job.

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8. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processing means invalidates the setting information with respect to corresponding pages of second and subsequent volumes during one print job

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when printing a plurality of volumes by a stacking or sorting operation.

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9. The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said setting information is stored in said storage means with respect to each user.

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10. An image forming method comprising:

15 a reading step reading setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium from storage means; and

a processing step executing a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to  
20 be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in said storage means, when the size of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.

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11. The image forming method as claimed in  
claim 10, wherein said setting information includes  
whether or not a zoom is required when printing  
information, and/or a printing position on the recording  
5 medium.

10 12. The image forming method as claimed in  
claim 10, further comprising:  
a registering step storing the setting information  
in said storage means in response to an external setting  
instruction from outside.

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13. The image forming method as claimed in  
20 claim 12, further comprising:  
a step notifying to the outside when the size of  
the recording medium specified by the print instruction  
is not available or when corresponding setting  
information is not stored in said storage means,  
25 together with information indicating an available size

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of the recording medium, so as to request the setting instruction.

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14. The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:

10 a setting step setting and storing the setting information in said storage means.

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15. The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said setting information is stored in said storage means in the form of a table.

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16. The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said processing step invalidates the setting information with respect to second and  
25 subsequent pages of the recording medium of identical

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size during one print job.

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17. The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said processing step invalidates the setting information with respect to corresponding pages of second and subsequent volumes during one print job when printing a plurality of volumes by a stacking or sorting operation.

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18. The image forming method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said setting information is stored in said storage means with respect to each user.

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19. A computer-readable storage medium which stores a computer program for causing a computer to print information on a recording medium in response to a

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print instruction, said computer program comprising:

a reading procedure causing the computer to read setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium from storage means; and

5 a processing procedure causing the computer to execute a print instruction by automatically changing a size of a recording medium to be used to the size of the substitute recording medium based on the setting information stored in said storage means, when the size  
10 of the recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.

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20. A computer-readable storage medium which stores a computer program for causing a computer to print information on a recording medium in response to a print instruction, said computer program comprising:

20 a registering procedure causing the computer to register setting information which includes at least a size of a substitute recording medium to be used when a size of a recording medium specified by the print instruction is not available.

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21. The computer-readable storage medium as  
claimed in claim 20, wherein the computer program is  
with respect to one of a computer within a host unit  
which outputs the print instruction with respect to an  
5 image forming apparatus and a computer within the image  
forming apparatus which prints the information on the  
recording medium.

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